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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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VERIZON NORTH, INC., VERIZON )  
SOUTH, INC., and COVISTA, INC. )  
 ) No. 06-0117  
Joint Petition for Approval of )  
an Agreement Amending the )  
Terms of an Interconnection )  
Agreement pursuant to 47 )  
U.S.C. Section 252 )

Chicago, Illinois  
March 13th, 2006

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 a.m.

BEFORE:

MR. JOHN T. RILEY, Administrative Law Judge

APPEARANCES:

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for Staff;

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for Verizon;

1       APPEARANCES CONT'D:

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3               MR. THOMAS W. BRINKMAN  
4               721 Broad Street, Suite 200  
5               Chatanooga, Tennessee 37407  
6               for Covista, Inc.

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None.

E X H I B I T S

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1 JUDGE RILEY: Pursuant to the direction of the  
2 Illinois Commerce Commission, I call Docket 06-0117.  
3 This is a joint petition between Verizon North, Inc.,  
4 Verizon South, Inc., and Covista, Inc., for approval  
5 of an agreement amending the terms of an  
6 interconnection agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C.,  
7 Section 252.

8 Ms. Galioto, would you enter an  
9 appearance on behalf of Verizon, please.

10 MS. GALIOTO: Yes. On behalf of Verizon, Sarah  
11 Galioto, of the law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath &  
12 Rosenthal, 7800 Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

13 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you. And it's my  
14 understanding, Mr. Brinkman, that Covista is not  
15 necessarily being represented by counsel in this  
16 matter, you're just participating as an observer?

17 MR. BRINKMAN: I'm participating as a  
18 representative of Covista, duly requiring counsel, I  
19 guess that's the question.

20 JUDGE RILEY: From my standpoint, no, these  
21 have been conducted without counsel before.

22 Staff, do you want to weigh in here

1 or...?

2 MR. BOROVIK: Well, I mean, that's completely  
3 your call on whether you --

4 MR. BRINKMAN: Do you need my name, title  
5 and...?

6 JUDGE RILEY: I suppose, for the record, why  
7 don't we get your name, title and your office  
8 address. Okay.

9 MR. BRINKMAN: The name is Thomas W. Brinkman,  
10 B-r-i-n-k-m-a-n. And I'm the senior director of TG  
11 planning and regulatory.

12 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

13 MR. BRINKMAN: Our office is at 721 Broad  
14 Street, Suite 200, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37407.

15 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. Thank you very much.

16 And counsel for Staff.

17 MR. BOROVIK: Michael R. Borovik.

18 JUDGE RILEY: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

19 MR. BOROVIK: Michael R. Borovik, 160 North  
20 LaSalle, Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

21 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you. And as is customary  
22 in these matters, I now turn to Staff and ask whether

1     verified statements have been filed in  
2     Docket 06-0117.

3             MR. BOROVIK:   Yes, your Honor.   Staff has filed  
4     what has been marked Staff Exhibit 1, the verified  
5     statements for Case 06-0117 of A. Olusanjo Omoniyi,  
6     which states there is nothing discriminatory and  
7     nothing against the public interest.

8                     Subject to the usually post-approval  
9     requirements, specifically amending the tariff to  
10    include the amended agreement and filing a verified  
11    statement with the Chief Clerk of the Commission, we  
12    move for admission of Staff Exhibit 1, a verified  
13    statement of A. Olusanjo Omoniyi to the record as it  
14    is filed on e-Docket previously filed March 10th,  
15    2006, and bears the following tracking number, for  
16    Case 06-0117.

17            JUDGE RILEY:   Ms. Galimoto, do you have any  
18    objection to the admission of Staff Exhibit 1 and  
19    any -- in Docket 06-0117?

20            MR. BOROVIK:   No objection, your Honor.

21            JUDGE RILEY:   Does -- Mr. Brinkman, do you have  
22    any comment or objection?

1           MR. BRINKMAN: No objection, your Honor.

2           JUDGE RILEY: All right. Thank you. Then  
3 Staff Exhibit 1 is admitted into evidence in Docket  
4 06-0117.

5                               (Whereupon, Staff Exhibit No. 1  
6                               was admitted into evidence.)

7           JUDGE RILEY: Does Staff have anything further?

8           MR. BOROVIK: Nothing further, your Honor.

9           JUDGE RILEY: Anything further from Verizon?

10          MS. GALIOTO: Nothing further.

11          JUDGE RILEY: And is there anything further  
12 from Covista?

13          MR. BRINKMAN: Nothing further.

14          JUDGE RILEY: All right. Then, thank you very  
15 much. I will direct the court reporter to mark  
16 Docket 06-0117 heard and taken. Thank you very much.

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